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Newsletter May — June 2020

On the following pages you will find reports from some of our governing council members and committee chairs.

Enjoy!

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Governing Council - Bruce Gilbert, Chair



HOW LONG AND AT WHAT COST?

None of us have ever experienced a pandemic in this country of this magnitude in our lifetime. This terrible illness, loss of lives, social distancing, unemployment, flat economy, and other daily disruptions have consumed the news and our normal routines. Before this mess, some may have forgotten how good we had it. So don't let the inability to face to face socialize and worship dampen our spirits. After many prayers and hopes for solutions, we'll all be much more appreciative of the things that make us healthy and happy. We'll all be happy when this scourge has been eliminated completely.

So continue to pray for each other and our country. These are unprecedented times but we'll weather them together.

For The Governing Council, Bruce Gilbert, Chairman

Finance Committee - Carol Mathis, Chair/Treasurer





During this time of great need in our country, if you are able, please mail your regular tithes and offerings directly to Christ Community Church, P.O. Box 100, Penhook, VA 24137.

This will enable the Church to continue paying salaries and expenses.

Outreach Committee - Randy Agee, Chair



I hope this finds everyone safe and well.

Due to the Covid-19 Crisis, Caring Crafters and the Youth Enrichment Program activities have been limited or delayed. CCC Outreach has assisted families with food and supplies and sent funding to God's Grace Ministry in West VA and the Franklin County Humane Society-Clinic.

The next Penhook Food Pantry dates are May 14th and June 11th. The May pantry will be a drive through with limited volunteers. Toilet paper and liquid dish detergent supplies will be depleted; therefore these items will be needed in the future. An update from Lake Christian Ministries Executive Director, Jane Winters, is included that explains how they are addressing this crisis.

Our Glade Hill School Ministry will continue this fall with weekend backpack food, school supplies and family food.

We continue to support the Franklin County Resource Center/Shelter, Faith Network, Helping Hands, Lake Christian Ministries and other local organizations with financial resources.

You can be specific with your donations to CCC Outreach Ministries. Donations to the General Outreach will go to local organizations and Caring Crafters. Specify your gift for the Family Outreach or the Y.E.P. and the funds will be used to help local families and youth enrichment in our community. Please let me know if you have any questions about CCC Outreach (randyagee360@gmail.com). Thanks to all that help make the CCC Outreach Ministry possible. Be safe!

Blessings to all,

Randy Agee

Outreach Committee - Randy Agee, Chaircontinued...





Comfort Quilters Report by Barbara Armstrong:



We continue to collect Coke product bottle caps, can tabs, and box tops for education. Donations may be left in the box on the Lake Christian Ministries table in the narthex.

Comfort quilt making meets on the third Tuesday of the months of (January, February, March) and (September, October, November) at Dill's Lakeside Marina office from 9:30 AM until noon.

Outreach Committee - Randy Agee, Chaircontinued...

LCM Supporters

April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month. The time of year when LCM holds an annual Volunteer Appreciation



Luncheon to honor the dedicated volunteers who care for those in need. Due to the current state of emergency, this annual event which was scheduled for April 27 will be postponed to the fourth quarter of the year when we may be able to safely share time together. Since we are unable to offer appreciation to our volunteers in a public event, I want to take this opportunity to extend our deep gratitude to all 245 volunteers who provide service at LCM throughout the year. For those living in crisis, our volunteers provide a connection to a caring community of resources and offer hope that tomorrow can be a brighter day.

I would especially like to thank the small but mighty Monday service crew who is operating on the front line during this pandemic. This crew works several days a week to pick-up, sort and sanitize food supplies; and ready our center for weekly food assistance. Last week, the LCM Board adopted a Strategic Pandemic Operations Plan to address continued emergency services, volunteer and employee health and safety guidelines, and COVID-19 sanitization requirements for food supplies and facilities. The plan was shared this week with the volunteers who are working during this state of emergency. I do not think any of us ever dreamed this type of plan would ever be needed. It is unbelievable how much our world has changed in a few short weeks.

We appreciate the overwhelming support LCM has received from the community from food, masks, and gloves donations to generous monetary gifts. This support has been critical to our efforts to assist the growing food needs over the past six weeks. Many of you have asked how you can help. Here a few things that have been organized in our community to assist LCM.

Outreach Committee - Randy Agee, Chaircontinued...

What Can You Do to Help?

With our food supplies decreasing and food needs growing, here are a few things you can do to help:



Support the next "Emergency" A Simple Gesture collection day on Friday, May 1. We will be collecting canned tuna, canned potatoes, and canned chicken. If you have not registered for A Simple Gesture, contact Linda Strup at: asimplegesturesml.org.

Support the Community Food Drives organized by The Willard Companies on the last Saturday of the next four months — April 25, May 30, June 27, and July 25 -in the parking lot of Smith Mountain Building Supply at Westlake Towne Center from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. look for the LCM van. Volunteers will unload food donations from your vehicle's trunk to maintain safe social distancing. Due to new sanitization requirements, we ask for food donations packaged in cans or hard plastic containers. LCM needs peanut butter; canned tuna canned chicken, canned vegetables, canned fruit; and canned hearty soups.

Make a monetary gift by mail or online: https://co.clickandpledge.com/advanced/default.aspx?wid=63137 at the LCM website: www.lakechristianministries.org.

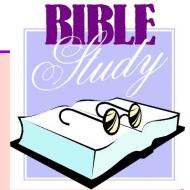
Since our clothing and warehouse services are temporarily suspended, please wait until after May 15 to donate any clothing or furniture. We need the space in our warehouse for food supplies.

A BIG thank you goes out to our remarkable volunteers during National Volunteer Appreciation Month and to our generous and supportive lake community.

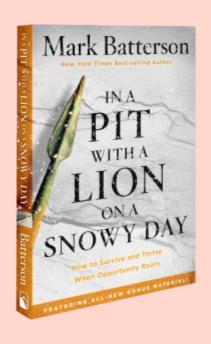
Thank you for helping LCM cares for our neighbors in need.

Jane Winters, Executive Director

Christian Education Committee - Norma Gilbert, Chair



Our Lent Study that was scheduled to begin April 19 is postponed until late Summer or early Fall.



We have tentatively scheduled a small group Bible Study for each Monday evening in June. The study is "In A Pit With A Lion On A Snowy Day," by Mark Batterson. This very interesting study will be open to everyone.

Everyone take care!!!